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FILED: APRIL 17, 2000	)	
TITLE: SILICON NITRIDE SUBSTANCES	)	
CONTAINING SINTERING	)	
ADDITIVES AND SiO <sub>2</sub> , METHOD	)	
FOR PRODUCING THEM AND USE	)	EXAMINER: K. GROUP
OF THE SAME	)	

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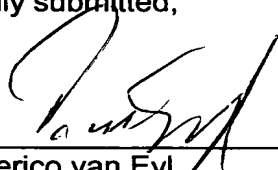
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